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1. Stefan Kaufmann, wealthy KPOe member and a leading figure in Intrac GmbH, Hobro AG, "Polkarbon" Österreichisch-Polnische Kohlenhandels-Gesellschaft and other firms, wishes to buy the following items: 500 tons of aluminum ingots, 100 tons of quicksilver, 25 tons of ferromolybdenum, 25 tons of calcium molybdate, 100 tons of nickel bars, 1,000 tons of electrolytic copper, 100 tons of copper scrap. Prices for these items are unspecified; Kaufmann is seeking bids. The destination of the metal is not stated but is clearly the USSR or the Satellite states.
2. The quantities listed above represent the initial amounts needed. Larger orders will come later.
3. Kaufmann wants also to buy old freighters for scrapping. Some of the freighters should be seaworthy, so as to be able, before being scrapped, to carry shipments of such materials as are listed above.
4. To complete the transactions described in paragraphs 1 and 3 above, Kaufmann plans to insert a dummy firm which has no prior connections with Eastern trade. He will establish a letter of credit in Switzerland or elsewhere in U.S. dollars, French francs or any desired currency. He plans to use a small European port for shipments.

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